

In the Claims:


Please delete claims 1-16, 19, 21 and 22 currently of record leaving claims 17, 18, 20 and 23-29 pending in the divisional application. Please calculate the claim fee after the present amendment is entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

**MAURICE M. MOLONEY and
HAMID R. HABIBI**



Micheline Gravelle
Registration No. 40,261

Dated: June 22, 2001

Bereskin & Parr
Box 401, 40 King Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5H 3Y2

(416) 364-7311

T05390 6573350